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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5349
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
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AMEMBASSY VALLETTA
USCINCEUR

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CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, LY
SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRESS GANG PRESSES ON

1. FOLLOWING IS MOST RECENT ACCOUNT OF LIBYAN CONSCRIPTION
ACTIVITIES AS TOLD TO EMBASSY LOCAL SECRETARY (A BRITISH
NATIONAL) BY A BRITISH FRIEND WHO OBSERVED THE PROCEEDINGS:
ON APRIL 4, 1978, LIBYAN SOLDIERS CORDONED OFF ALL EXITS
FROM TRIPOLI'S NEW ATHLETIC STADIUM ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE
THE COMPLETION OF A SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN THE TWO LEADING
TRIPOLI TEAMS. AS PEOPLE TRIED TO LEAVE THE STADIUM,
EACH ADULT MALE WAS REQUIRED TO SHOW HIS DRAFT STATUS
IDENTIFICATION, WHICH ALL ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY. IF HE
DID NOT POSSESS THE APPROVED IDENTIFICATION, HE WAS
DETAINED. SHOTS WERE FIRED IN AIR BY SOLDIERS DURING
ROUNDUP. THE GROUP OF DETAINEES, WHICH SOME ESTIMATE
PLACE AS HIGH AS 500, WERE PUT INTO TRUCKS AND TAKEN TO
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A MILITARY FACILITY. LOCAL LIBYAN EMPLOYEES OF THIS
EMBASSY SAY THE DETAINEES WERE TAKEN TO A LOCAL MILITARY
BASE WHERE THEY WERE INDUCTED INTO THE ARMY IF THEY WERE
UNABLE TO COME UP WITH A SUITABLE EXCUSE FOR NOT BEING
IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

2. THIS IS MOST RECENT AND BLATANT EXAMPLE OF CRUDE BUT

EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR FILLING RANKS OF LIBYAN MILITARY.
SUCH OPERATIONS, ACCORDING TO LOCAL CONTACTS, PRODUCE
MORE FEAR THAN RESENTMENT WHICH MAY INDEED BE AT LEAST
PARTIALLY WHAT REGIME DESIRES. WE EXPECT ATTENDANCE
AT SPORTING EVENTS TO DROP OFF IN FUTURE.
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